

Parish of St. Mary's

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Twenty - Ninth Sunday - 19th October 2025

MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue. The theme for this year's celebration of Mission Sunday is: "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples".

The needs of overseas dioceses vary greatly. Anything from a motorbike so a priest can celebrate Mass in a remote village, to a community hall to allow people to gather and celebrate in safety. Or more urgently, vaccinations and medicines to protect the vulnerable.

All offerings and donations made for World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This fund is a lifeline for struggling missionaries and the communities they serve across Africa, Asia and Latin America, where over 1,100 mission dioceses are found. As these dioceses form and grow, so do their needs. On top of this, mission dioceses are often in remote areas devastated by war and natural disasters, or where suppressed communities are just opening up to the life-saving message of Jesus Christ.

This is why World Mission Sunday is so important. It offers young dioceses the financial and spiritual assistance they need to help their men, women, and children to survive and thrive.

In essence, World Mission Sunday:

- Provides Church centred infrastructure by helping communities build schools, clinics, parish halls, and churches
- Prepares the future leaders and carers of the Church by supporting the training of sisters, priests, religious brothers and catechists
- Supports missionary programmes that protect and care for children's wellbeing by offering safe shelter, healthcare, education, and hope for the future.

Diocesan Appointments 2025

Fr Gerry Brady PP Ballymachugh, to retire.

Fr Simon Cadam PP Granard, appointed Adm Ballymachugh.

Fr John Eze MSP CC Athlone, appointed CC Ballymachugh.

Fr Eamonn McNerney, Canada, appointed CC Longford.

Fr Frank Phiri, Zambia, appointed CC Athlone.

Mostrim Players present 3 one act plays in the Community centre, Edgeworthstown Friday and Saturday, on 24th/25th October, shows start at 8pm. Tickets can be purchased in A&N Gift stores and The Goldsmith Inn. Tickets cost 15 euro each. A great night's entertainment in store.

Edgeworthstown Active Retirement are holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1st November from 12-4pm at The Green. There'll be children's toys and stalls selling jewellery, candles and more. All are very welcome.

LOCAL LINK - Bus from Granard to Longford every Tuesday stopping in Edgeworthstown at the Park House @ 10.30 a.m. to pick up passengers. Arriving at Tesco, Longford @ 10.45 a.m. and leaving @ 1.00 p.m. To book, call Local Link office - 044 33 40801.

Local Author Anne Gallagher's new publication "Free the Butterfly" is available in A and N's Gift Store. Only €10.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Holy Hour in Our Lady's Manor on Saturdays from 9.45 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. All are welcome.

READERS OF THE WORD OF GOD - OCTOBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Pat Appleford.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Aishling O'Reilly.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST - OCTOBER

Saturday 7.00p.m.: Catherine Tracey, Sandra Durkan.

Sunday 11.00 a.m.: Anne Smith, Yvonne Tuite.

Please arrange a substitute if you cannot be present.

WEBCAM

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This Weekend	October 18th / October 19th
7.00 p.m.	Paddy McCann (Second Anniv); his parents John and Alice McCann and deceased members of the McCann family.
11.00 a.m.	No Intention.
Weekday Masses @ 11.00 a.m. - Our Lady's Manor	
Wed 22nd Oct	Vincent and Eilish Carrigy and Bridie Keary.
Next Weekend:	October 25th / October 26th
7.00 p.m.	Freddie and Anna May Greene, Lisnagrish.
11.00 a.m.	1. Teresa and Paddy Tighe, Devine Crescent. 2. Mary Kennedy (Month's Mind).

Offertory Collection: Sat 11th / 12 Sun September - €1,350 - sincere thanks.

Sunday Scriptures - First Reading - This relates the first battle fought by the Israelites after their deliverance from Egypt. They are victorious, not through their own power, but through the power of God which comes to them through the prayer of Moses.

Second Reading - Paul instructs Timothy to abide in the sound doctrine which he has been taught since childhood, and to be zealous in preaching the message of Jesus.

Gospel - Jesus exhorts his disciples to pray continually and never to grow discouraged.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - The Sundays of the year allow the Christian Church to ponder the mysteries of the Lord. One of these mysteries is the forgiveness of God. Those who approach the Sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offences which they have committed against him. At the same time that are reconciled with the Church.

Sacrament Dates 2026

First Confession

Wed March 11th @ 6.30 p.m.

First Holy Communion

Sat May 16th 11.00 a.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Sat 14th March @ 11.00 a.m.

- Thought for the Day •
- Mission Sunday •

In a world of injustice, Jesus teaches us to pray persistently like the widow who wouldn't give up (v. 1-5). Her relentless faith moved an unjust judge - how much more will our faithful prayers move our loving Father? On Mission Sunday, we're reminded: God's justice will come for the oppressed (v. 7-8), but will He find such persistent faith when He returns? True mission begins on our knees - interceding tirelessly, trusting completely, and acting courageously. Today, let your prayers fuel your mission, and your mission strengthen your prayers. For when God's people pray without ceasing, mountains move and kingdoms shake.

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- Fr Tom Healy -